

After A Storm

- ◆ If you are in a public shelter, remain there until informed by those in charge that it is safe to leave.
- ◆ Recorded messages will advise of road conditions, damage estimates, utility restoration timelines, curfews, shelter information, times the County expects to allow reentry, etc.
- ◆ Updated disaster recovery and reentry information will be posted on the County's web site at: www.bcgov.net
- ◆ **NOTE: If hurricane damage occurs, there could be a possible delay in allowing residents to return to the County. Emergency workers must return to the county to restore utilities, remove debris from the main roadways, and to carry out search and rescue efforts. Please be patient!**
- ◆ Driving may be especially hazardous due to debris on streets, possible flooding, emergency vehicles in operation, and traffic signals and street lights possibly out of service. Stay away from rivers or streams or other places where flooding is likely.
- ◆ Downed or dangling power lines pose a lethal threat.
- ◆ Make emergency repairs to prevent further damage.
- ◆ Check to see that refrigerated food hasn't spoiled if there has been a power outage.
- ◆ Use emergency water rations until you've been notified that the water supply is safe.
- ◆ Report damage to your insurance agent.

INSURANCE COVERAGE

- ◆ Homeowner's insurance typically covers damage from wind, hail, and lightning but not from flooding. A separate flood policy can be acquired through your insurance agent.
- ◆ Homeowner's coverage normally includes the home itself plus contents and extra living expenses made necessary by being forced out of your home. If you're a renter, you may purchase contents and living expense coverage.



Be Prepared To Return to Wind and/or Flood Damage

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Pets

The Beaufort County Animal Shelter and Control does not board pets during a hurricane evacuation. They suggest the following for pet owners :

- ◆ Have a safe place to take your pets. When evacuating, check for hotels/motels that accept pets. Find friends/relatives outside of the affected area that can shelter your pets.
- ◆ Assemble a portable pet disaster supplies kit. Include medications, medical records, leashes, carriers, food, water, can opener, beds, toys, litter boxes, etc.
- ◆ Pets are not allowed in Red Cross shelters.
- ◆ *In the event of a disaster, if you must evacuate, the most important thing you can do to protect your pets is to evacuate them too! Leaving pets behind, even if you try to create a safe place for them, is likely to result in their being injured, lost, or worse.*
- ◆ For more pet information, contact the Beaufort County Animal Shelter and Control at (843) 846-3904.



**HURRICANE SEASON RUNS
FROM
JUNE 1st to
NOVEMBER 30th.
BE PREPARED!**

BRIDGES

In the event of an approaching hurricane, the SC Department of Transportation will shut down the operation of swing and draw bridges when:

- 1) Sustained winds reach 24 mph
- 2) A mandatory evacuation is ordered



**Beaufort County
Emergency Management**

**HURRICANE
PREPAREDNESS**

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HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

- Make plans NOW! Gather and store all valuable paperwork such as mortgage notes, insurance papers, deeds, licenses, photos, etc. You must be able to show proof of ownership for your home or vehicle in order to claim the loss through insurance or FEMA.
- Itemize furnishings, clothing, valuables, etc. Take photos or videos of your home and belongings. This will help adjusters to settle claims. They can also prove uninsured losses, which are tax deductible.
- Gather non-perishable food, drinking water, candles, matches, first aid kits, battery-operated radios, batteries, flashlights, etc. Have these ready at all times.
- Plan and drive your evacuation routes. Know ahead of time where you need to go.
- Plan now to protect your windows with boards or shutters. Pre-cut and store them.

WHEN A WATCH IS ISSUED

- Make sure the car has gasoline.
- Review evacuation routes.
- Listen for weather information.
- Check survival kit.
- Make sure medical prescriptions are filled and medicines are packed to go.
- Gather up important papers, including identification.



Prepare Your Home NOW!

WHEN A WARNING IS ISSUED

- Move garbage cans, awnings and all large outside objects into your house or garage, or anchor them securely.
- Place protective covering over windows and garage doors.
- Garage or store vehicles you leave behind.
- Moor boats securely or place inside a building.
- If you have a swimming pool, cover the pump filter.
- If you live in a mobile home, check tie-downs. Leave immediately to a safe place.
- Lock doors and windows before you leave.
- Don't forget a survival kit and other supplies.
- Let relatives know where you plan to be.

Evacuation Routes

Northern Beaufort County:

The Beaufort area will be evacuated exclusively along US 21 to US 17. Approaching the US 17 intersection in Gardens Corner, the left lane of US 21 will have access to US 17 South and will be directed to Exit 33 (Point South) where motorists will be directed to use the right lane to access I-95 North and the left lane to access I-95 South. The right lane will follow US 17 North to Highway 303 toward Walterboro. Also, motorists wishing to travel towards the Hampton or Augusta area may turn right off US 17 at Pocataligo onto US 21 North to Yemassee and SC 68 West.

Southern Beaufort County:

Hilton Head will be evacuated via US 278 to I-95 and US 17. Both William Hilton Pkwy. (US 278 Business) and the Cross Island Pkwy. (US 278) will be used to get motorists to I-95 at Exit 8. Traffic approaching that interchange will be advised that the right lane of US 278 will be directed onto I-95 North. The left lane will be advised to continue on US 17 North and US 278 toward the Barnwell, Aiken and Augusta areas or exit South on I-95.

An alternate route inland will be US 278 to SC 170 West toward Ridgeland, again connecting with US 278 towards Barnwell, Aiken and Augusta.

The Bluffton area, to include the Buck Walter Community, will be advised to use SC 46 for their evacuation. Motorists will remain on SC 46 to Hardeeville where they will be advised to follow US 321 toward the Estill and Augusta areas via SC 3 and SC 125 or may be routed onto I-95 North/South at Exit 5.

Sun City residents should exit Sun City via the 278 overpass, travel down Sgt. William Jasper Blvd., turn left onto Hwy. 170, then left onto Hwy. 462 toward Coosawatchie and I-95.

Should a 3rd lane reversal be required to evacuate Hilton Head Island, the 3rd lane would begin at the intersection of the Cross Island Expressway and William Hilton Pkwy. The reversed out bound lane of Hwy 278 will be routed onto Hwy 170 (at the McGarvey's intersection), then onto Hwy 46 toward Hardeeville. Evacuation route signs will be placed at every point on the route where motorists must make a decision.



Hurricanes!

Other Counties

When evacuating to other Counties, you may want to call ahead to their Emergency Operations Center to speak with a Public Information Officer. It may be helpful to gain information about shelters, hotels, traffic back-ups, etc. Listed below are the phone numbers to the County EOCs and local radio stations for those counties. Tune in for up-to-date evacuation information.

Hampton County

EOC 803-943-7589 // WBHC 92.1 FM or 1270 AM

Allendale County

EOC 803-584-4081 // WDOG 93.5 FM

Barnwell County

EOC 803-541-1159 // WBAW 99.1 FM

County

EOC 843-726-7607 // 104.9 FM

Jasper

General Information

If you have any questions or concerns regarding hurricane evacuations or reentry procedures, please feel free to contact the Beaufort County Emergency Management Department Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM at 470-3100. Following a hurricane landfall (during the re-entry/recovery phase) you may call this toll free number to get up to date information regarding conditions in Beaufort (and when it's safe to come back): 1-877-238-2021. This number will only be good until November, 2005 (it will change thereafter).

The State of SC's toll-free PUBLIC INFORMATION PHONE SYSTEM (PIPS) (1-866-246-0133) is provided to disseminate accurate evacuation and shelter information during a hurricane evacuation to visitors and citizens of SC.

WCSC TV also provides an in-depth web site that gives information regarding hurricane preparedness. It specifically addresses hurricane preparedness actions that are taking place in different counties throughout SC. Log onto their site at www.wcsc.com

Our website is located at www.bcgov.net—Click on Emergency Management and look for various information regarding hurricane preparedness, routes, warnings, watches, etc.

Residents are encouraged to be sensitive to the needs of their neighbors, friends, and the elderly within the community. If you know of someone in need of help in evacuating, please lend them a hand or contact the proper authorities to help them out.

DEFINITION OF THE SAFFIR/SIMPSON SCALE CATEGORY	WINDS (mph)	SURGE (ft)	EXAMPLES:
1	74-95	4-5	DAVID / SC
2	96-110	6-8	DENNIS / NC
3	111-130	9-12	FLOYD / SC
4	131-155	13-18	HUGO / SC
5	Greater Than 155	Greater Than 18	CAMILLE / MS

Watches & Warnings

A **hurricane watch** means hurricane conditions pose a possible threat to your area.

A **hurricane warning** means hurricane conditions are expected in your area within 24 hours.